

SENATE BILL NO. 410

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article III, Section 13, of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to local  
3 or special laws; to provide certain requirements prior to legislatively creating certain  
4 special districts; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to  
5 electors and provide a ballot proposition.

6 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members  
7 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for  
8 their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article III,  
9 Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §13. Local or Special Laws; Notice of Intent; Publication

11 Section 13. ~~(A) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, no~~ No local  
12 or special law shall be enacted unless notice of the intent to introduce a bill to enact  
13 such a law has been published on two separate days, without cost to the state, in the  
14 official journal of the locality where the matter to be affected is situated. The last day  
15 of publication shall be at least thirty days prior to introduction of the bill. The notice  
16 shall state the substance of the contemplated law, and every such bill shall recite that  
17 notice has been given.

18 (B) No local or special law relative to the creation of a special district, the  
19 primary purpose of which includes aiding in crime prevention and adding to the  
20 security of district residents by providing for an increased presence of law  
21 enforcement personnel in the district or otherwise promoting and encouraging  
22 security in the district, shall be enacted unless notice of the intent to introduce  
23 such bill has been published on three separate days, without cost to the state, in  
24 the official journal of the locality where the special district is to be situated. The  
25 last day of publication shall be at least thirty days prior to introduction of the  
26 bill. The notice shall state the substance of the contemplated law, and shall

1 specifically disclose whether the governing authority of the special district  
2 would be authorized by the contemplated law to impose and collect a parcel fee  
3 within the district, whether the parcel fee will be imposed or may be increased  
4 without an election, and the maximum amount of the parcel fee if a maximum  
5 amount is set forth in the contemplated law. Every such bill shall recite that the  
6 required notice has been given.

7 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
8 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6,  
9 2012.

10 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election  
11 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
12 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
13 follows:

14 Do you support an amendment to provide that no law relative to the creation  
15 of a special district, the primary purpose of which includes aiding in crime  
16 prevention and security by providing for an increased presence of law  
17 enforcement personnel in the district or otherwise promoting and  
18 encouraging security in the district, shall be enacted unless three separate  
19 notices of the proposed law are published at least thirty days prior to  
20 introduction of the bill, which notice shall set forth the substance of the  
21 proposed law and whether the governing authority of the special district  
22 would be authorized to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district,  
23 whether the parcel fee will be imposed or may be increased without an  
24 election, and the maximum amount of such fee?

25 (Amends Article III, Section 13)

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES